

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **COMMENTS INVITED FOR RULE ON MENTORING.**

A proposed rule, **5 CSR 80-850.045 Mentoring Program Standards** establishing standards for successful mentoring programs has been posted on the Secretary of State's web site so that members of the public may comment on the rule if desired. The rule can be found at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/moreg/current/2008/v33n5/v33n5b.pdf>

### **"MAP" TESTING WILL BE EXTENDED BY ONE WEEK**

For the second year in a row, because of bad winter weather, state education officials are extending the period of time during which public schools may give students the mandatory Missouri Assessment Program tests. The original "window" for testing was March 31 through April 25. It has been extended by one week, to May 2. Local school districts have the flexibility to schedule their administration of MAP tests any time during this five-week period.

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)**

## **{CURRICULUM}**

### **SURVEYS FROM ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER (ARC) ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH CURRICULUM PLANNING**

The Assessment Resource Center (ARC) is pleased to offer a new series of surveys, the *Missouri Guidance Planning Surveys*. These surveys function as tools to help schools develop comprehensive guidance curriculum programs and meet the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) requirements using Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

To obtain information, including pricing for materials and services, contact ARC at (800) 366-8232 or (573) 882-4694 or view their catalog online at: [http://arc.missouri.edu/ARC2004catalog/ARC\\_2008\\_catalog.pdf](http://arc.missouri.edu/ARC2004catalog/ARC_2008_catalog.pdf)

## **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

### **ACCESS A FREE MONTHLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER FOR COUNSELORS AND EDUCATORS!**

You can sign up for Mapping Your Future's Early Awareness E-News. The purpose of this free newsletter is to provide counselors with college, career, and financial aid information, tips, and ideas as they work with middle school and high school students. In addition, the newsletter provides news about Mapping Your Future's services and events.

Some of the topics covered in the newsletters include:

College selection tips to pass along to students	College preparation tips for students and parents
Ideas for events or activities at your school	Career selection tips to provide to students
News of Mapping Your Future events and services	FAFSA tips
Questions and answers	Web resources

This newsletter is e-mailed to recipients at the beginning of each month. To sign up, go to <http://mapping-your-future.org/services/awarenessnews.htm>

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## **SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ENGINEERING CAREERS IS AVAILABLE.**

The Engineering Education Service Center offers a number of resources for students interested in the engineering field. Included in the information is a list of summer camps for high school students, a list of engineering competitions, and a list of engineering school scholarships. This information and more can be found at <http://www.engineeringedu.com/>

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

### **NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE**

The third issue of The Department of Mental Health's (DMH) **Advance Notice**, a newsletter from the Office of Disaster Readiness is now available online. The theme of the current issue is helping children after a disaster. The newsletter can be viewed at

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/diroffice/disaster/AdvanceNoticeMar08a.pdf>

### **INFORMATION ON CYBERBULLYING AVAILABLE**

In December 2007 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sponsored a supplement to the *Journal of Adolescent Health* and a list of resources on cyberbullying for parents, teachers and administrators is included. The title of the supplement was "Youth Violence and Electronic Media: Similar Behaviors, Different Venues?" and discusses the growing public health issue of the connection between Electronic Media, Violence, and Adolescents. To see this supplement, go to

<http://www.jahonline.org/content/suppl07>

### **HELPING CHILDREN AND STAFF COPE WITH DISASTER**

Many of schools in the eastern and southeastern part of the state may have students or staff who have been impacted by the recent flooding. Whether they are survivors of the flooding in their home or school or whether they are assisting survivors in some fashion, the consequences of those events may impact them emotionally. There may be a broad range of early reactions such as physical, behavioral, psychological, cognitive and spiritual. No one who is affected by a disaster remains untouched. Disasters can cause changes in us that are fairly common after such events, but can be scary if we do not understand that others including children are experiencing the same kinds of reactions.

The Department of Mental Health has posted a number of "Coping With Disaster" Fact Sheets on its' website that you might want to access for assistance in dealing with those experiencing reactions. To access them, go to

<HTTP://WWW.DMH.MO.GOV/DIROFFICE/DISASTER/DISASTER.HTM>

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

### **PLEASE PASS TO TEACHERS TEACHING PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) COURSES**

Registration for the 2008 Summer Training Institute is now open. Teacher's can log onto the registered teacher's page and go to the "Summer Training" link at the top of the page.

Teachers will select either an Engineering or a Biomedical Sciences course, depending on their school district agreement.

To access the PLTW site, go to <http://www.pltw.org/index.cfm>

### **GRANT SOURCE INFORMATION**

During the year, we get numerous notices about grants announced by either the US Office of Education or the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that could be applied for by schools. Rather than having us send these notices out and increase your volume of e-mail, you might want to bookmark the following sites and check them on a regular basis:

US Office of Education: A newsletter is sent out announcing opportunities, to subscribe to that or other services, go to <http://www.ed.gov/news/newsletters/edinfo/index.html?src=ct>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/>

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Title IX Coordinator, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-751-4212.

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## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

### **A. WORKSHOPS ON TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHEDULED IN APRIL**

These workshops, offered through the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), will focus on signs, symptoms and the treatment of depression in youth, reducing stigma and how to ACT (acknowledge, care and tell). **Rebecca Musgrave, MA**, the Program Director for Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation – Suicide Prevention Resource Center will present this half-day workshop. Dates and locations are:

**April 3, 2008, Kansas City, MO - Embassy Suites Hotel    April 4, 2008, Hannibal, MO - Quality Inn & Suites**

**April 8, 2008, Cape Girardeau, MO - Drury Lodge    Registration Fee: \$99.00** To register online, go to

<http://www.mimhtraining.com/liveconferences/2007/10/10/teen-suicide-prevention-act-now-2/>

**B. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE** on **May 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort & Conference Center - Osage Beach, Missouri.** See more at <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

**C. UCM-DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE** will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Central Summit Center in **Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 8:00-4:00.** To see more information about the workshop and/or to download a registration form, go to

<http://www.ucmo.edu/workshops/CounselorInstitute.cfm>

### **D. SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE JEFFERSON CITY, MO, JULY 14, 2008**

The third annual Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference, *Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention*, will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2008 in Jefferson City, Missouri.** Details about this and other upcoming events related to suicide prevention will also be posted online at: [www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm](http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm)

The Call for Presenters is also available online. If you know of anyone that might be interested in presenting, please share the following link and encourage them to submit a proposal:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/ShowMeYouCareCallforPresenters.pdf>

**E. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE** will be held on **July 21-24, 2008 in Springfield, MO.** For more information, go to

<http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on Conferences.

**F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE** will be held on **September 6-7, 2008 in Jefferson City.** Future information on the conference will be

available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

**G. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE** will be held on **NOVEMBER 2-4, 2008 at Tan Tar A Resort.** Future information on the conference will be available at

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>